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SUBJECT: BUDAPEST GOOD-BYES

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1. DURING MCAULIFFE'S APRIL 9 FAREWELL CALL ON DEPUTY FONMIN NAGY, LATTER HANDED OVER FOREIGN MINISTRY AIDE MEMOIRE RESCINDING INFORMATION RESTRICTIONS ON ACTIVITIES OF EMBASSY BUDAPEST (SEE SEPTTEL).

2. IN GENERAL DISCUSSION OF PRESENT STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS LOOKING TOWARD CULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC/EDUCATIONAL AGREEMENT, NAGY STATED THAT HE IS PERSONALLY AND DIRECTLY MONITORING MATTERS AT THIS STAGE BECAUSE GOH FULLY AGREES WITH USG THINKING THAT ONE SHOULD CONCLUDE AND SIGN AGREEMENT QUICKLY AND BEGIN TO FORMULATE SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENTS FROM WHICH MUTUAL BENEFITS WILL FLOW. HE EXPRESSED GOH DISAPPOINTMENT THAT U.S. CONTINUING TO INSIST ON AGREEMENT WHICH WILL BY ITS OWN TERMS LOSE VALIDITY AND REQUIRE RE-NEGOTIATION AT END OF TWO YEARS. SIMILAR U.S. AGREEMENTS WITH USSR SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT IN GOH'S OPINION SERVE AS MODEL FOR INSTRUMENT WITH SMALL STATE LIKE HUNGARY WHERE CULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC/EDUCATIONAL ENTITIES ARE ORGANIZED IN VERY DIFFERENT MANNER. NAGY URGED MCAULIFFE UPON LATTER'S RETURN TO WASHINGTON TO INTERCEDE WITH DEPARTMENT AND OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES

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SO THAT US-GOH/CULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC/EDUCATIONAL

AGREEMENT WILL RENEW ITSELF BY ITS OWN TERMS AT END
OF TWO-YEAR PERIOD UNLESS ONE PARTY OR OTHER REQUESTS
REVIEW, MODIFICATION, UPDATING OR AMENDMENTS. MCAULIFFE
AGREED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

3. FINALLY, EMPHASIZING THAT HE WAS NOT SPEAKING SOLELY
ON HIS OWN BEHALF, NAGY ASKED THAT WASHINGTON SEND A
NEW CHIEF OF MISSION TO BUDAPEST VERY PROMPTLY.
DEPUTY FONMIN AGAIN STRESSED HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT
IMPROVEMENT IN BILATERAL RELATIONS HAS NOW ACQUIRED
A "CERTAIN MOMENTUM"; IN EVENT THAT AMBASSADORIAL
POST IN BUDAPEST IS LEFT VACANT, IT IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE
THAT "SOME" WILL CONSTRUE THIS AS U.S. DISAPPROVAL OR
AS LACK OF INTEREST IN HUNGARY ON WASHINGTON'S PART.
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